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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **NORTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE SECTION LINGCOD LONGLINE BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in commercial longline fisheries will close in the entire Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 2012. The 2012 lingcod quota for longline fisheries in the NSEO Section is 10,800 round pounds. To date, over 11,000 round pounds have been taken from this area.

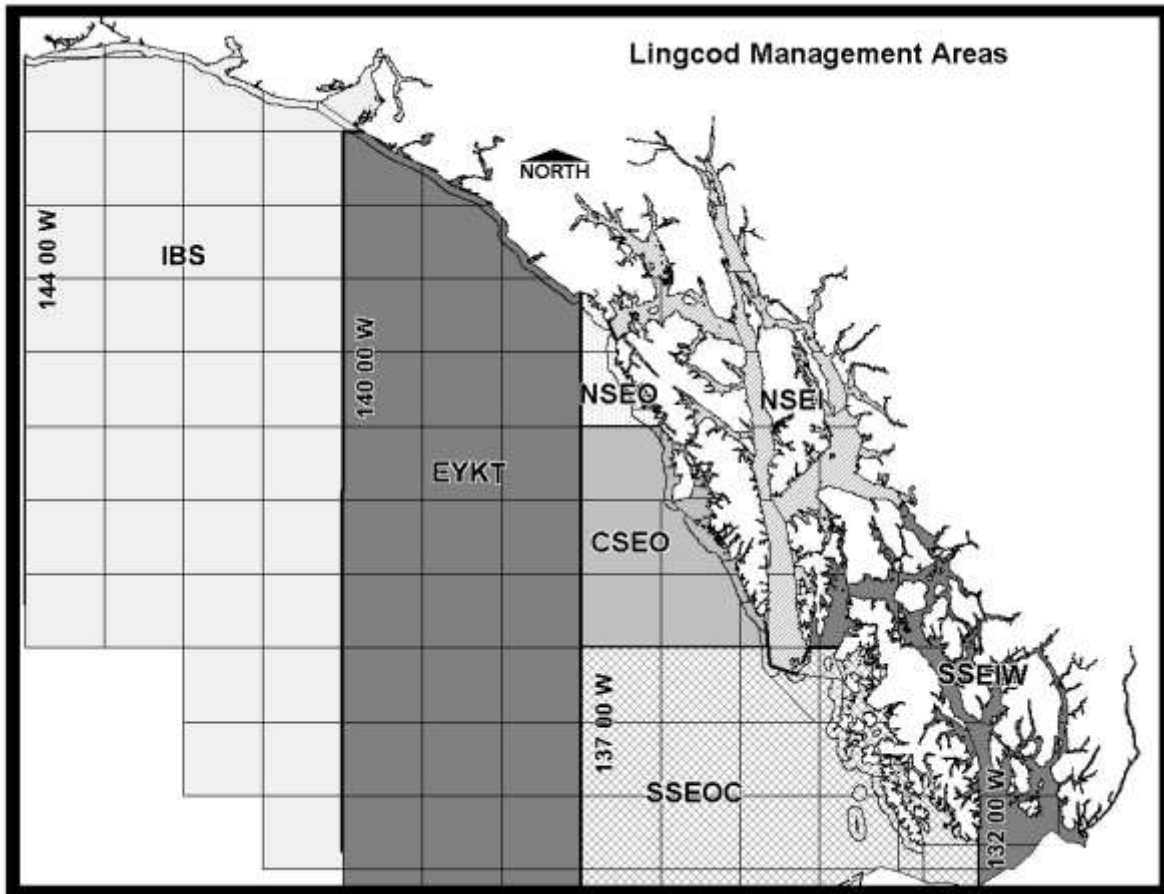
The lingcod bycatch season remains open in longline fisheries (excluding sablefish) of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries will be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on lingcod bycatch in the halibut fishery, refer to the news release issued on March 8, 2012.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1312.

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**Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.**

**This map is for general reference only. For detailed descriptions of Lingcod Management Area boundaries, refer to 5AAC 28.105.**